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Editor

## A Newsletter for TSUD Faculty and Staff

### TROY STATE UNIVERSITY AT DOTHAN RECEIVES ALABAMA HUMANITIES FOUNDATION GRANT

Troy State University at Dothan was recently the recipient of a major grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of The National Endowment for the Humanities. The Grant will be used to fund a symposium entitled Science/Technology and Human Values.

The symposium will consist of three programs presented by well-known scholars from the field of humanities. The speakers will address several topics including the necessity to examine and understand subjects such as genetic engineering, acid rain, technological domination and alienation.

The humanities scholars involved in the symposium were chosen not only for their distinction in a field of the humanities but also because of their ability to use an interdisciplinary approach in their presentation. Another selection criterion was their ability to communicate clearly and concisely, and as jargon free as possible, humanistic concerns to non-specialist audiences.

TSUD's acquisition of the grant was a result of a great deal of research and hard work by project director, Dr. Frank Lovrich, and the Humanities Committee. Committee members are: Dr. John Woodham,

Dr. Jack R. Sublette, Dr. Lawrence A. Brown, Dr. Alan Belches, Dr. Dorinda Van Loo, Dr. Priscilla McArthur and Dr. Frank Lovrich. Mrs. Gayle Oberst will handle the financial aspects of the project and Ms. Nanne McDonald will be in charge of publicity.

The symposium will be held at the Dothan Opera House with all programs beginning at 7:00 p.m.

It will be open to the public and there will be no admission charge. TSUD faculty and students are encouraged to attend.

This project is cosponsored by the ALABAMA HUMANITIES FOUNDATION, a state program of the THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.

#### SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

APRIL 6th: "The Emergence of Science/Technology as Depicted in the Humanities"

SPEAKER: Dr. Walter L. Adamson,  
The Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts  
Emory University

APRIL 13: "Technology: Savior or Destroyer?"

SPEAKER: Dr. Joseph Mitchell,  
Professor of Philosophy and Religion  
Troy State University

APRIL 13: "Science/Technology in the Soviet Union and America"

SPEAKER: Dr. Albert P. Hughes,  
Professor of Sociology  
Appalachian State University

APRIL 19: "Technology: A Two-Edged Sword and the Place of Human Values"

SPEAKER: Dr. Jerry B. Wilson  
Department of Philosophy  
Jacksonville State University

APRIL 19: "Reactions to the Effects of Technology"

SPEAKER: Dr. David L. Smith  
Department of Psychology/Sociology  
Georgia Southwestern

#### ANHEUSER-BUSCH FOUNDATION MAKES DONATION TO TSUD DEVELOPMENT FUND

Troy State University at Dothan's President, Thomas Harrison, and SouthTrust Bank of Dothan President, Pierce Flatt, received a contribution of \$3,000.00 on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Anheuser-Busch Foundation for the Greater TSUD Development Fund. These monies will provide for the initial construction of buildings at Troy State University at Dothan's future campus site at U.S. Highway 231 North.

# Activities of President Thomas Harrison

November and December, 1987

Attended TSU Homecoming activities and game - October 31

Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Civic Center - November 2

Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting - November 16

Participated in Council of Presidents meeting in Montgomery - November 16 and 30, December 7

Participated in TSUD Administrative Council meeting - November 30

Attended PME Task Force meeting - December 8

Attended TSU Championship football game in Florence - December 12

January and February, 1988

Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting - January 18

Attended TSU System legislative budget hearing in Montgomery - January 20

Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting - February 1

Participated in Council of Presidents meeting in Montgomery - January 28

Attended American Heart Association Development Committee meeting in Montgomery - January 21

Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting - February 5

Attended Houston County Heart Association Kick-off reception in Dothan - February 11

Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting - February 15

Met with Dr. Henry Ashmore from SACS - February 16

Attended ACHE meeting in Birmingham - February 19

# People in the News

## DR. EUGENE BERQUIST

Dr. Berquist met with Ms. Bledsoe's seventh grade biology class at Girard Middle School on December 1. As an introduction to their botany unit, training and the scope of the work and research of a botanist were discussed. Examination was made of special features and unifying concepts the students would find in their upcoming botany unit.

## MR. KHAMIS BILBEISI

On December 2, Mr. Bilbeisi attended the Governor's Listening Conference on Small Business Issues as a representative for the School of Business and TSUD. The purpose of the meeting was to give small business owners the opportunity to voice their problems and concerns to the Governor's office.

## DR. ALAN BELSCHE

"A Treasury Most Dear: The Use of Memory in Eudora Welty's Early Short Stories" by Dr. Alan Belsches appeared in Volume xx, No. 1 of Notes on Mississippi Writers published out of the University of Southern Mississippi.

## MS. JONUA BROOKS

Ms. Brooks spent February 4 & 5 in Mobile attending the Alabama Veterans' Affairs Association Conference. The conference meets annually to update its members on the new federal programs available for veteran students.

## DR. LARRY BROWN

In February Dr. Brown judged a science fair in Elba and the Jackson County Science Fair in Florida. He also represented TSUD at the Alabama Academic Decathlon State Contest February 26 & 27.

## MRS. RETA CORDELL

Mrs. Cordell attended a meeting at Wallace College where she addressed articulation needs and concerns. She also assisted the TSUD Recruitment Office by attending College Day at Houston Academy.

## DR. PATRICIA FRITCHIE

Dr. Fritchie attended a State Board meeting in Montgomery to present an approved textbook list for Elementary Language Arts. She also attended a pre-conference planning session of the Alabama Reading Association at Tuskegee. Dr. Fritchie conducted organizational meetings for (1) the Coosa Valley Reading Council of Etowah County Schools in Gadsden, and (2) The fourth Annual Young Authors Conference which was held in February at TSUD. She has also been appointed as Program Chairperson for the 21st Annual Fall Conference ARA to be held October 13-15, 1988.

## DR. J. WYATT GRIMMER

On November 11, Dr Grimmer attended ACHE Budget hearings in Montgomery for the Troy State University System. On the 12th, he met with the Advisory Committee for the TSUD School of Education. On the 13th of November and again on December 8, he met with GCWCC personnel concerning articulation between GCWCC and TSUD. On November 18, Dr. Grimmer attended an Executive Life-styles Management workshop sponsored by Charter Woods Hospital and on the 19th attended a SACS workshop on "Institutional Effectiveness" held in Montgomery. He attended a meeting with the GCWCC Academic Dean on December 2, to discuss articulation between GCWCC and TSUD. December 9 - 12 was the Annual Meeting of SACS in New Orleans, LA, and while being present for many activities of the annual meeting, Dr. Grimmer also attended the Conference Meeting for Academic Deans of the Southeastern States. On January 13 Dr. Grimmer met with the ACHE Committee of Chief Academic Officers in Montgomery and on January 20 attended the legislative budget hearing in Montgomery. He met with the ACHE Role and Scope Guidelines Task Force on February 10, also in Montgomery.

#### DR. CAROLYN HOLDSWORTH

Dr. Holdsworth has been asked by English Literature in Transition (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) to review a new book of criticism on W.B. Yeats. The book is Peter Alderson Smith's W.B. Yeats and the Tribes of Danu. The review will appear in issue 31:3 or 31:4. In December, Dr. Holdsworth gave her book The Manuscripts of W.B. Yeats' The Wind Among the Reeds, to Richard Fenneman, poetry Editor of the Cornell Yeats Manuscripts Series. Her book traces the evolution of Yeats' poems by locating, transcribing and annotating the original manuscripts. It will be published by Cornell University Press. In December, Dr. Holdsworth attended the Convention of the Modern Language Association, held in San Francisco. Dr. Holdsworth did the bibliographic research of selected Victorian periodicals, newspapers and annuals held by the Howard Tilton Library of Tulane University and its several branches for The Union list of Victorian Serials, a work reviewed as "enormously valuable" by Nineteenth-Century Fiction, as "highly welcome" by Victorian Periodicals Review and called "a major addition to reference works necessary for study of Victorian periodicals" by the Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada. The Union List of Victorian Serials was published by Garland Publishing and edited by Richard D. Fulton and Charles Michael Colee.

#### DR. BETTY KENNEDY

Dr. Kennedy's area activities include serving as Career Incentive Program consultant for Geneva City School System and as consultant to the Barbour County School System administration during the 1988 Winter Quarter. She will also chair the state Task Force on status of school counseling. Dr. Kennedy was elected vice-chairperson, Alabama Committee, Elementary Commission. Dr. Kennedy presented the Distinguished Educator Award for Alabama to Dr. Michael Carr, Chairman SACS Elementary Committee. She was elected vice-chairman, Alabama Committee, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is serving

as chairman of the SACS Interim Review Committee for eleven elementary and two middle schools in Decatur during the month of March. During February, she served as consultant to the Panhandle Area Educational Cooperative and attended a council of Deans, AATE on the 29th. And in March Dr. Kennedy will serve on a panel to respond to speaker Governor Guy Hunt, at the Alabama Association of Teacher Educators at AUM.

#### DR. ALBERT KIRBY

In November, Dr. Kirby attended the 17th Conference on Toxicology in Fairbourne, Ohio, and made a presentation titled "Carbamates and Organophosphates: Different Effects on Release of Putative Retinal Neurotransmitters." He also attended the Society for Neuroscience's annual meeting in New Orleans, and made a presentation titled "Release of Dopamine and Gammaaminobutyric Acid From the Retina Following Diisopropylfluorophosphate."

#### DR. PRICILLA MCARTHUR

Dr. McArthur visited the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta in January. At the center, visitors can view a television presentation in which the former president highlights the historic background, issues, unfolding events and the historic significance of the events of the Carter Administration. Dr. McArthur attended the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians in Birmingham. Dr. Woodham was one of the speakers.

#### MS. NANNE MCDONALD

In February Ms. McDonald attended a luncheon at the Ramada Inn given by the Dothan Progress. She also attended the Dothan Advertising Federation ADDY awards and the Gamma Beta Phi Annual State Convention.

#### MRS. GAYLE OBERST

Mrs. Oberst attended a November ACHE budget hearing and a December meeting of the ACHE finance officers in Montgomery. Also in November, she attended a seminar sponsored by Charter Woods Hospital

that addressed topics such as alcohol and drug awareness, and stress management in the work force. Mrs. Oberst attended a Board of Advisors meeting of the Kellogg Center of Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. She represented TSUD at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. She also met and worked with representatives from IBM to instigate an Education Specialist program for the University. She met with a representative from the State Personnel System to review classified positions and attended a legislative budget hearing in January.

#### DR. MARY JO POLLMAN

Dr. Pollman served as co-director of Read-In-At-The-Mall, held at Wiregrass Commons Mall on December 5. She was the program chairperson for the Wiregrass Association for Young Children's Conference held in Dothan on January 23. Dr. Pollman served as a panel leader at the Alabama Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators meeting in Montgomery held January 29. She presented "Blockplaying: The Real ABC's of the Curriculum" to the Wiregrass Association for Young Children Conference. She conducted "Storytelling," a workshop at TSUD on February 13. Dr. Pollman attended the program committee meeting for the Southern Association of Under Six Conference in Birmingham on February 19 and attended the board meeting of the Alabama Association for Young Children in Birmingham on February 20. Her proposal, "Piaget, Play and Preschool" has been accepted for presentation at Southern Association of Children Under Six Conference scheduled for March 24 in Birmingham. Dr. Pollman will serve as the leader of Research Seminar sponsored by the Alabama Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators also slated for March 24 in Birmingham.

#### DR. LEONARD ROBERTS

Dr. Roberts addressed several combined classes of students at Beverly Middle School on December 9. The subject was the history and archaeology of the Indians of Alabama, Florida and the Caribbean.

#### DR. MARY EVE SHOAF

On November 19, Dr. Shoaf took her music class to see the Atlanta Chamber Players at the Dothan Opera House. This activity was sponsored by the Houston Arts & Humanities Council. Dr. Shoaf's convent, the Convent Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, played host to four visitors from the Soviet Union. The four Soviets were a part of a delegation of 100 who attended the Soviet - American Citizens' Summit in Washington, D.C. on February 1 - 5. The four visitors were: Anagotoly Alexin, a children's writer and president of the Soviet Association of Peace to the Children of the World; McTatyana Zhukova, an interpreter; Svetlana Savitskaya, a woman cosmonaut; and Ellena Petushkoya, a gold medalist in the Olympic equestrian event of Dressage. On January 23, Dr. Shoaf held a workshop entitled "Understanding the Child through Art" for the Wiregrass Association for Young Children Conference. The workshop was held at TSUD with Dr. Mary Jo Pollman serving as program chairman. Dr. Shoaf's music classes attended Rossini's opera, "The Barber of Seville" held at the Dothan Opera House and sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Council.

#### DR. KIM SOKOYA

Dr. Sokoya will be attending the Academy of International Business Meeting in Chicago on March 22 - 25. During the meeting, Dr. Sokoya will present a paper entitled, "Strategic Management in Less Developed Countries: Issues and Problems." He will also lead discussion on other papers presented at the meeting.

#### DR. JACK SUBLLETTE

Dr. Sublette attended the Houston Arts & Humanities Council meeting on January 14 and on February 11. In January, he attended the Legislative Budget Hearing and on the 30th attended the State Convention of Gamma Beta Phi.

#### TONY WHETSTONE

On January 21, Mr. Whetstone represented TSUD as a Judge at the Miss Enterprise State Junior College Beauty Pageant.

#### DR. ELIZABETH VAN LOO

In November, Dr. Van Loo and Mrs. Becky Yarbrough attended an AIDS Nursing Seminar given by UAB at the Ramada Inn. Dr. Van Loo lectured on AIDS in Dr. Mary Jo Pollman's class and on December 11 she presented an AIDS update at Southeast Alabama Medical Center to a group of nurses, dental assistants and various medical personnel from different offices in the Wiregrass area. In December, Dr. Van Loo was appointed to the Wiregrass Aids Council and to the Dothan Health Council and attended one of their meetings on the 21st. She also was appointed to the Board of Parents Anonymous.

#### MRS. PAM WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Williamson attended a Wallace College/TSUD Articulation meeting on November 13 and the Alabama Counselor's Association Fall Workshop held November 18 - 20 in Birmingham. She also attended the Wiregrass Partnership for Youth quarterly meeting held November 30. On January 6, she attended the Association of Service Agencies Meetings and February 3, attended the

Alabama Association of Counselors Meeting. Mrs. Williamson gave an AIDS information presentation to Dr. Skelton's education class on January 26 and met with Mr. Rex Guley, Program Specialist for Handicapped Students at AUM on February 11.

#### DR. JOHN WOODHAM

Dr. Woodham was the guest speaker at the Geneva Rotary Club's December 2 meeting. Dr. Woodham attended the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians held February 5 - 6 in Birmingham and read a paper during the session on the U.S. Constitution.

#### MRS. ROBIN WYATT

Mrs. Wyatt was elected to the Board of Directors of the House of Ruth. The House of Ruth serves women and their children who have suffered physical abuse in their homes. Mrs. Wyatt attended the Gamma Beta Phi convention on January 30.

## News From...

### ACADEMIC AND GRADUATE COUNCILS

During the Fall Quarter both the Academic and Graduate Councils approved the following policies:

1. Effective with the Spring Quarter 1988, all students completing graduation requirements will be required to complete a comprehensive examination in their degree programs. The examination given will be determined by the school or college in which the degree is offered. At the present time, the test results will not be used to determine whether a student is permitted to graduate but will be used for the purpose of evaluating programs and the instruction received in those programs.
2. There is no appeal of students' grades as assigned by the instructor of the course; however, the student reserves the right in certain instances to ask for re-classification on a particular grade assignment for a class if he feels as though he has sufficient evidence upon which to differ. In such a case where a student feels as though a grade has been incorrectly assigned, he has three (3) weeks at the beginning of the next quarter following the posting of the disputed grade in which to handle this. In order to question a posted grade, the student must first try to resolve this through the faculty member and department head prior to consulting with the Dean.

## COUNSELING & PLACEMENT SERVICES

Mrs. Pam Williamson presented a "Successful Interviewing Skills" workshop in November and hosted the New Student Orientation Sessions on December 3 and 5. Her office set up an AIDS Information booth on January 26 and conducted a Study Skills Workshop on February 2. Mrs. Williamson also held a Drug Education Resource Day on February 10 and conducted a "How to Get a Job" seminar February 16.

## COURTESY COMMITTEE

The following activities were carried out by the Courtesy Committee members:

- Get well card sent to Linda Rankin's mother.
- Congratulations card sent to Rose Kirby's daughter who had a baby boy.
- Visit, flowers and get well card to Jolene Creamer.
- Get well card to Edna Willis, Mr. Buchanan's sister.
- Get well card sent to Wylie Driskell, Mrs. Jordan's father.
- Retirement card & gift given to Mr. Barrett and Mrs. Richards.
- Get well card to Loyd McCuistian, Anne's husband.
- Get well card to Viola Powell.
- Get well card to Roland Halcomb, Cindy's husband.
- Get well card to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flatt for son, Zane.
- Sympathy card was sent to the family of Millard L. Cox, a TSUD graduate of August 1987, upon learning of his unfortunate death.
- Get well card to Dr. Lovrich's brother, Marion.
- Get well card to Sarah Love's father, Mr. Herman Brisendive.
- Get well card to David Trim, Kathy Mixon's son.
- Sympathy card to Dr. Skelton at the death of her father.

## THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Mrs. Gayle Oberst reports that pre-registration for Spring Quarter will be on-line with the Troy System. Student Affairs and data processing personnel are working to

make the conversion an easy one. Students, faculty and others will see little change in the process. The Division of Administration and Financial Affairs staff met on February 12. Plans for the next quarter were discussed. Progress reports from each area were given and a general discussion of areas of concern followed.

Mr. Mark McCuistian announces the following new TSUD personnel:

Ron Meadows, Director of the Physical Plant.

Suellen Denton, Education Secretary.

Jennifer Spivey, Business Secretary.

Kathie Mixon, Arts and Sciences Secretary.

Tony Whetstone, PME Director.

Sandra Carter, Director of the Instructional Support Laboratory.

Reba Moore, Title III Secretary.

Vivian Hubbard, Cashier for the Deli.

Nanne McDonald, Director of Public Relations.

The Courtesy Committee met on Thursday, February 25. New members Cindy Halcomb, representing the Classified Staff and Mr. Khamis Bilbeisi, representing the School of Business were welcomed. Dr. Shoaf was re-elected as chairperson and Dr. Mary Jo Pollman will serve as co-chairperson. Changes to the policies of the committee were discussed and will be submitted to President Harrison for approval. Upon approval, the faculty and staff will be notified of these changes.

## GAMMA BETA PHI

Dr. Richard Martin reports that Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society's fifth annual campaign for the House of Ruth was a great success. Two local television stations gave coverage of the December 3rd ceremony held in Houston Hall. The formal presentation of the materials and goods collected during the drive took place at Ft. Rucker on December 16. House of Ruth Director,

Ms. Youse, was very appreciative of the Society's enthusiastic support of the annual drive. Congratulations to all who participated - it was a job well done!

On January 30, the TSUD chapter hosted the annual State Convention of Gamma Beta Phi held at Northside Mall. TSUD received the Distinguished Chapter Award for the fourth year in a row and won first place honors in the Scrapbook Competition for the fifth successive year. At the monthly meeting chapter officers and members began plans to attend the National Convention to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on April 8 - 10.

#### THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mrs. Becky Yarbrough reports that the BSN students provided a CPR class on February 9 for seventeen TSUD faculty and staff members. Each participant received training and certification on performing CPR. On February 23, the BSN students provided blood pressure screening at TSUD's booth in Wiregrass Commons.

#### PME TASK FORCE

The first meeting of the PME Task Force was held on December 8 at 3:30 p.m. The purpose of this group is to oversee a portion of the Title III grant. Many thanks to all those who agreed to participate on this task force.

#### THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Jack Sublette reports that: the schedule of courses for Spring Quarter 1988 was available for distribution as of February 19; the schedule and development brochure will be inserted in the Dothan Eagle on March 17; the Student Handbook is currently being revised; a workshop for high school and junior college counselors was held Wednesday, February 24; Revision of the 1988-89 TSUD Bulletin is on schedule and should be ready for distribution in late April; Title III personnel are all in place, working and preparing the application for continuation of the Title III grant.

#### THE OFFICE OF RECRUITING AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Robin Wyatt held a Counselors' Workshop on February 24. The purpose of the workshop was to acquaint area high school and junior college counselors with TSUD and its programs. The program was well received by the participants. It included information about admission, early admission for high school students, financial aid (both need and merit based), and information about the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and School of Education.

In an effort to improve communication, Mrs. Wyatt has initiated two new programs. One is a newsletter entitled THE TSUD NEWSLINE. This newsletter will be printed twice quarterly and will include brief notes on information which students need to know. Contact Robin Wyatt to place announcements in THE NEWSLINE. A second effort toward improving communication is a program entitled "Rap with Robin." This is intended to be an informal discussion with students. The sessions will be held monthly at different times of the day and week so that all students will have the opportunity to participate. It is hoped that these sessions will not merely be "gripe sessions" but that legitimate concerns and problems will be discussed. The first "Rap with Robin" was held at 9:30 on Tuesday, March 1.

# **Birthdays**

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mrs. Cynthia Halcomb  
Mrs. Laurette Long  
Dr. Dorothy Anderson  
Dr. Priscilla McArthur  
Dr. Ray Swords

Mrs. Reta Cordell  
Dr. Patricia Fritchie  
Dr. James Davies  
Ms. Patricia Reeves  
Mrs. Gayle Oberst

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Mrs. Jo Thompson  
Mrs. Sonja Woodham  
Mrs. Courtney Hardyman  
Mr. Paul Stark

Dr. Dorinda Van Loo  
Mr. Alexis Perez  
Mrs. Patti Puciloski

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Ms. Mary Beaty  
Mr. Alvin Cooper  
Mr. Frank Walker  
Mr. Forrest Wood  
Dr. Edwin Baxley  
President Thomas Harrison  
Mrs. Reba Moore

Dr. Ronald Bae  
Mr. Khamis Bilbeisi  
Mrs. Mina Marshall  
Mrs. Lesa Rogers  
Mrs. Lana Ward  
Ms. Daphne Harker

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Ms. Jolene Creamer  
Dr. May Eve Shoaf  
Mr. Talmadge Knight  
Dr. Robert Wilkinson  
Mr. Ron Meadows

## **CONFERENCE ROOM SCHEDULE**

The following meetings are listed on the conference room schedule:

February 24 at 2:30 p.m. - PME Task Force  
February 25 at 1:00 p.m. - Evaluation & Monitoring Committee  
February 25 at 3:00 p.m. - Courtesy Committee  
February 26 at 9:00 a.m. - Administrative Council  
March 2 at 1:00 p.m. - Faculty Evaluation Committee  
March 7 at 9:00 a.m. - Executive Council  
March 7 at 10:30 a.m. - SACS Steering Committee  
March 14 at 3:00 p.m. - Student Activities Committee  
March 21 at 9:00 a.m. - Executive Council  
March 21 at 10:30 a.m. - SACS Steering Committee

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